

IMPROVED STORAGE WRAP MATERIAL

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to sheet-like materials suitable for use in the containment and protection of various items, as well as the preservation of perishable materials such as food items. More particularly, the present invention provides an improved storage wrap material comprising a sheet of material having a first side and a second side. The first side comprises an active side exhibiting an adhesion peel force after activation by a user which is greater than an adhesion peel force exhibited prior to activation by a user. The storage wrap material may be activated by different approaches, but in a preferred embodiment the active side is activatable by an externally applied force exerted upon the sheet of material. The force may be an externally applied compressive force exerted in a direction substantially normal to the sheet of material. In accordance with the present invention, the storage wrap material is selectively activatable by a user in discrete regions to provide adhesive properties where and when desired. The use of an adhesive or adhesive-like substance on the surface of the material provides an adhesion peel force after activation which is sufficient to form a barrier seal against a target surface at least as great as those of the material and the target surface such that perishable items, such as food items, may be effectively preserved. The storage wrap materials of the present invention may be utilized to enclose and protect a wide variety of items by various methods of application, including direct application to the desired item, enclosure of the desired item and securement to itself, and/or in combination with a semi-enclosed container.